



SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3697 OF 4TH JUNE, 1953.

LEGISLATION.

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 26 OF 1953.

**A LAW TO AMEND THE TURKISH RELIGIOUS HEAD (MUFTI)
LAW, 1953.**

A. B. WRIGHT,] [1st June, 1953.
Governor.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as
follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Turkish Religious Head Short title.
(Mufti) (Amendment) Law, 1953, and shall be read as one
with the Turkish Religious Head (Mufti) Law, 1953 5 of 1953.
(hereinafter referred to as "the principal Law").

Amendment
of the
Schedule to
the principal
Law.

2. The Schedule to the principal Law is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) by the substitution for paragraph 7 thereof of the following paragraph:—

“7. If at the expiration of the time appointed for nomination only one candidate is nominated and the Presiding Officer is satisfied that the nomination paper is in order and that the person so nominated possesses the required qualifications, the Presiding Officer shall forthwith publish the nomination in the *Gazette* and in not less than two Turkish papers published in Cyprus and, if no objection is submitted under paragraph 9 of this Schedule, the Presiding Officer shall notify the name of the person nominated to the Governor, and the person so nominated shall thereupon be deemed to be elected.”;

(b) by the insertion in paragraph 8 thereof, of the following sub-paragraph, the existing part of paragraph 8 being numbered as sub-paragraph (1):—

“(2) No person shall be eligible for election as a special representative of a quarter or village unless his name appears in the final list of that quarter or village.”;

(c) by the substitution for paragraph 9 thereof, of the following paragraph:—

“9.—(1) Any person, whose name appears in the final lists and who desires to raise an objection that a person nominated as a candidate does not possess the required qualifications, shall submit his objection in writing to the Presiding Officer within eight days of the publication of the nomination in the *Gazette*, as provided in paragraph 7 or 8 of this Schedule, stating the grounds of his objection.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall, on the expiration of the period of eight days mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, submit any objection received by him to the Governor who shall thereupon with all due expediency refer the objection to a committee consisting of the three senior Turkish judges of moslem faith for determination and thereupon any election proceedings shall be stayed until such determination.

(3) The senior Turkish judge of moslem faith shall preside over such committee.

(4) Every such committee shall have the same powers and conduct the proceedings for the determination of the question referred to it as nearly as may be as if sitting as a Court for the hearing of a civil action.

(5) The Presiding Officer and any interested person may appear before such committee either in person or by an advocate.

(6) Any decision of such committee shall be final and conclusive and shall be communicated to the Governor by the Chairman of the committee.”;

(d) by the substitution for sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 10 thereof, of the following sub-paragraph:—

“(4) Any person whose name appears in the final list shall have the right to cast one vote for the quarter or village in respect of which the list containing his name had been made final.”.

1st June, 1953.

J. F. SYMONS,
Acting Colonial Secretary.